# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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SURPLUS WATER TO SOUTHERN STATES
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the National Water Development Agency has any proposal to divert the surplus water from Mahanadi/Godavari rivers to Southern States; and

(a) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Under Peninsular Component of National Perspective Plan forinter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas, interlinking of Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar- Cauvery-Vaigai is envisaged. As per the water balancestudies of various river basins of the Peninsular Componentconducted by National Water Development Agency, Mahanadi and Godavari river basins are surplus in water, whereas the river basins namely, Krishna, Pennar, Cauvery and Vaigai are deficit. It is, therefore, proposed to transfer the surplus water of Mahanadi and Godavari basins to Krishna basin by interlinking Mahanadi to Godavariand Godavari to Krishna. The water, thus received in Krishna basin is proposed to be transferred to Pennar Cauvery and Vaigai basins.